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1. The U. S. Naval Attache, London, and two of his assistants attended a Soviet moving picture program and cocktail party on 6 August, 1952, by invitation. The gathering took place at the Soviet Embassy Recreation Center or "Club" as it was described, across the street from the Soviet Embassy in London's "Millionaires" Row. Included were the naval attachees of various countries and naval representatives from British Commonwealth countries, as well as several members of the British Navy's Board of Admiralty. The host was the Acting Naval Attache of the USSR, Captain (Second Rank) Alexandr Chernousanov.

2. The film show started with the showing of a newreel--propaganda version of the Moscow May Day Parade, 1951. This was followed by an abbreviated movie version of the opera "Prince Igor", which stressed the devotion of Russia's rulers of the Middle Ages for their Motherland against foreign invaders. Then followed a ballet. Finally, there was a cultural movie which brought out the excellence of Soviet Culture in the field of the musical arts and the close ties of the top-notch artists with the PEOPLE. It was emphasized that even the most humble person has a chance to become a prominent artist provided that he or she has the talent. The entertainment lasted almost three hours. During it Chernousanov sat next to the Reporting Officer and kindly furnished a running commentary in English of such harmless matters as identifying formations of naval enlisted personnel as "sailors", a large building in Moscow as "the new university building", Voroshilov as Voroshilov. In response to equally harmless questions from the Reporting Officer, Chernousanov identified certain banners as "factory or kolhoz flags, one of the works of Prokofiev by name. Chernousanov said that he personally chose the films for presentation to the guests.

3. During the cocktail party which followed the acquaintance was made of Senior Lieutenant Kormakov, who is non-accredited but is described as an "interpreter" by Chernousanov. The Reporting Officer was introduced by him to a couple of persons characterized as Assistant Military Attaches. The latter proceeded to undertake the preparation of a biographical information report, without--it is believed--much success.

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On the positive side it was noted and confirmed that Mrs. Chernousanov has not yet returned from her visit to the USSR, although Chernousanov said he had expected her back for this party. With respect to Rogachev, the former KNA who returned suddenly this spring because of "ulcers", Kormaloff was non-committal. From conversation with British officers it was learned that Chernousanov has expressed the opinion that he would be returning shortly to the USSR.

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